

**Home Visiting Task Force
Executive Committee Meeting
January 27th, 2015**

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Attendees: Anna Potere, Gail Nourse, Diana Rauner (co-chair), Gaylord Gieseke (co-chair), Peter Mulhall, Teresa Kelly, Glendean Burton, Sandy DeLeon, Deb Daro, Jay Young, Madelyn James, Isolda Davis, Dan Harris, Andrea Palmer, Donna Emmons, Penny Smith, Beth Mascitti-Miller, Theresa Hawley, Lesley Schwartz, Audrey Moy, Joanna Su, Claire Dunham, Kennye Westbrook

Welcome and Introductions

- The October 28th, 2014 meeting minutes were passed with no changes.
- The co-chairs expressed their appreciation to the Sustainability Workgroup and Ounce Institute for developing the proposal to allow home visitors to bill Medicaid for providing those services. The co-chairs submitted the proposal to former HFS Director Hamos in November, and look forward to connecting with the new HFS Director, Felicia Norwood, on this topic.

Home Visiting-Child Welfare Workgroup

- In mid-November, the co-chairs met with Dr. Cynthia Tate from DCFS to discuss creating a workgroup of the Home Visiting Task Force to increase collaboration between the home visiting and child welfare systems.
- As a result of that discussion, an overarching goal and charge for the group were developed. It was determined that it would be best to begin by considering how to better serve the population of pregnant and parenting teens who are current or former wards of the state.
- Merri Ex from Family Focus and Jan Stepto-Millett have agreed to co-chair the group.
- The next step is to have another meeting with Dr. Tate to further define the focus of the group.

Universal Screening Workgroup Proposed Charge

- Deb Daro, the original chair of the group, and Jay Young will co-chair this revived workgroup and have developed a proposed charge for the Executive Committee's feedback (see handout).
- Ken Dodge, who developed Durham Connects, has expressed interest in helping Illinois to create a system. HRSA also has a small pot of money for replication, and they are looking for places where they could make the biggest impact. We should determine how we can best use Ken's help and leverage a potential funding opportunity through HRSA.
- The group should be composed of 6-8 people who will develop a draft state framework, and then will convene a larger group to solicit feedback before developing pilots.
- The group will need to determine whether the system will create solely a screen for determining eligibility for home visiting services, or whether it will be comprised of a screen plus some level of services. If the latter, what is the extent of those services?
- The Preschool Development Grant communities might be a natural fit for the pilot communities because they have signed on to create pipelines from birth.
- It is important to make sure as this work moves forward that it is aligned with the community systems development work and MIECHV. Joanna Su and Jay Young are liaisons with these pieces of work and can make sure there is a two-way sharing of information.
- It is also important that the group consider what might need to be in place beyond a mandate in order to ensure effective implementation of the system.
- Next Steps:
 - Present the charge at the February 9th full HVTF meeting;
 - Determine the composition of the group;

- Conduct research on how other states and communities have created universal screening systems; and
- Schedule an initial meeting.

Health Connections Recommendations

- The Health Connections Workgroup of the Task Force, chaired by Glendean Burton, was charged with developing recommendations to increase the connections between the home visiting and health fields, being presented today.
- The recommendations focus on training opportunities for home visitors, what already exists in the community that could be connected to home visiting, and best practices in the field. The recommendations also encourage two-way sharing of information between home visiting and the linkages and referrals that they make.
- The Committee discussed the recommendations around oto-acoustic emissions (OAE) and the role of home visitors in performing these screenings. It was decided that the language should be edited to reflect that this language is the minimum of what home visitors should do but it's permissible if programs choose to do more, if the machines are monitored and people are properly trained/certified.
- With this edit, a motion was passed to approve these recommendations. They will be presented to the full Home Visiting Task Force on February 9th.
- BUILD and ZERO TO THREE are setting up a process over the next several months to figure out how to build common knowledge across health and early learning agencies and groups.

Illinois Vision for Home Visiting

- In February 2014, the HVTF was presented with the Home Visiting Quality Recommendations formulated out of the two home visiting summits in spring 2013 and recommended that a group formulate a vision for home visiting in Illinois that could be added to this document.
- A group of HVTF members led by Teresa Kelly and including representatives from GOECD, ISBE, DHS, and CPS formulated a proposal being presented today.
- Suggested edits included adding a sentence about supporting the birth to five program standards, adding language specifically around CQI, and editing the language around monitoring to be "monitoring and related support systems".
- Next Steps:
 - Anna will recirculate the document to the Executive Committee for any additional feedback.
 - It will be presented to the full HVTF.
 - A dissemination plan for the document should be formulated.

MIECHV FY14 Data

- Peter Mulhall from CPRD discussed the findings from the FY14 MIECHV data.
- See presentation for more information.

MIECHV Updates: see written handout.

MIECHV Reauthorization

- Gail Nourse and Ireta Gasner from the Ounce of Prevention Fund met with staff from seven legislators' offices – two senators and five representatives – to discuss the importance of extending MIECHV beyond March 31st. Everyone was aware that the deadline is approaching, and encouraged programs to reach out to local district offices.
- Anna will ask Karen Yarbrough to put this on the agenda for the next Early Learning Council Executive Committee meeting.

Wrap Up and Next Steps: The next meeting of the Executive Committee is April 7th. The next meeting of the full Task Force is February 9th.